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REMARKS

In the above-mentioned office action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-57, were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of Tracton, and del Val.

The Examiner acknowledged that Tracton fails to disclose the transmission of a control command to alter presentation characteristics of received mothion video or synchronizing a sequence of video images with an audio track. But, the Examiner cited del Val for showing a web browser plug in that enables a web browser to transmit HTTP commands that enable a user to manipulate a video stream. And, the Examiner took official notice that synchronizing audio within an MPEG video stream is well known in the art.

Responsive to the Examiner's rejections of the claims, independent claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, and 41 have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed better to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited combination of references together with the official notice taken by the Examiner. Claims 49-57 have been cancelled.

With respect to Exemplary claim 1, the claim has been amended, now to recite that the first display control command comprises a first synchronization command to maintain synchronization between the audio data and the video data. Others of the independent claims have been analogously amended.

Support for the amendments can be found, for instance, on pages 8, line 25 – page 9, line 14 and with respect to Figures 6 and 7 and their corresponding description.

Amendments made to various of the dependent claims are made responsive to amendments made to their respective parent claims.

While the Examiner cites del Val for showing a web browser that transmits HTTP commands enabling a user to manipulate a video stream, there does not appear to be disclosure in del Val of the use of a display control command as now recited. While the Examiner takes official note that synchronizing audio in an MPEG video stream is known, there is no assertion, or disclosure cited in the art, of the transmitting of the display control command as now recited.

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Accordingly, the remaining ones of the independent claims, as now amended, are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the combination of references cited by the Examiner. As the remaining ones of the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited combination for the same reasons as those given with respect to their respective parent claims.

Reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of the claims, as now presented, is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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